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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER 10

1. NYT (3) REPORTS FROM TOKYO SOVIET MIG PILOT FLOWN TO
U.S. ALSO WSJ, STAR, WP.

2. NYT (3) REPORTS FROM BEIRUT DENUNCIATION BY MOSCOW
OF ULTRALEFTISTS' AROUSES BEWILDERMENT IN LEBANON.

3. NYT (17) CHRISTOPHER WREN SAYS SOME IN MOSCOW LOOK
TO IMPROVEMENT IN CHINESE TIES AS LEVERAGE AGAINST THE
U.S. WHILE OTHERS SEE CHANGES TAKING A GENERATION AS
A RESULT OF MAOS DEATH.

4. NYT (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT "A LIEUTENANT'S CREDO" CON-
CLUDES BELENKO'S DEFECTION RAISES THE QUESTION OF HOW
MANY OTHER BELENKOS THERE MAY BE AMONG TRUSTED OFFICERS
IN THE SOVIET ARMED FORCES, AND HOW WIDESPREAD THE
HUNGER FOR FREEDOM MAY BE AMONG THE POPULATION AT LARGE.

5. NYT (D-1) UPI REPORTS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT RAISED
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ITS ESTIMATE OF 1976 SOVIET GRAIN PRODUCTION TO 205

MILLION METRIC TONS, UP 10 MILLION TONS FROM PREVIOUS FORECASTS AND 46 PER CENT ABOVE LAST YEAR'S DISASTROUS

140-MILLION-TON HARVEST.

6. WP (22) PETER OSNOS REPORTS MOSCOW HOPES MAO'S DEATH WILL LEAD TO THAW IN CHINESE-USSR RELATIONS.

7. SUN (7) HAL PIPER REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT COMMUNIST AND WESTERN SOURCES INTERVIEWED DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A SUDDEN THAW IN CHILLY RELATIONS BETWEEN USSR AND CHINA IS LIKELY TO FOLLOW MAO'S DEATH.

8. SUN (14) MICHAEL PARKS REPORTS FROM CAIRO THAT USSR, SEEKING STRONGER MIDEAST VOICE, ALIGNS ITSELF WITH ARAB RADICAL REGIMES AND THAT KREMLIN BELIEVES, OVER LONG TERM, THESE ALLIANCES WILL NOT ONLY GUARANTEE MOSCOW STRONG VOICE IN ARAB-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS AND FUTURE SHAPE OF MIDDLE EAST, BUT CONVINCE MORE MODERATE ARABS OF NEED FOR SOVIET SUPPORT.

9. SUN (B-6) REUTERS FROM MOSCOW REPORTS ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION GIVEN CLIFF RICHARD, BRITISH SINGING STAR, DURING HIS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SOVIET TOUR.

10. STAR (5) REPORTS THAT A LARGE ROCKET SECTION FROM A SOVIET SATELLITE CAME DOWN IN MONTANA EARLIER THIS WEEK, ACCORDING TO PENTAGON SOURCES.

11. CSM (1) DAVID K. WILLIS REPORTS THAT THE DILEMMA FACING MOSCOW IN WAKE OF MAO'S DEATH IS THIS: IS WAY NOW OPEN FOR CAUTIOUS SOVIET SIGNAL - SUCH AS OFFER TO RESUME DIPLOMATIC OR BORDER TALKS - DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN MODERATE ELEMENTS IN PEKING, OR IS THIS TIME TO SIT BACK AND WATCH POWER STRUGGLE SOVIET LEADERS ARE SURE IN PROGRESS?

12. CSM (16) AP FROM SEATTLE REPORTS THAT SOVIET UNION AND AN AMERICAN FISH PROCESSOR HAVE ENTERED INTO A JOINT VENTURE THAT MAY ALLOW RUSSIANS TO SIDESTEP UNCLASSIFIED

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SOME EFFECTS OF NEW U.S. 200-MILE FISHERIES PROTECTION ZONE BY CREATING A NEW COMPANY, US-USSR MARINE RESOURCES, INC., FORMED IN STATE OF WASHINGTON WITH BELLINGHAM COLD STORAGE AND SOVRYBFLOT, SOVIET GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AS HALF OWNERS. KISSINGER

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